

Robert William Stoddart Jr.

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Delbert William Stoddart Jr. son of Robert William and Ada Steele moved with his parents to Lehi. He was born in American Fork, June 16, 1878. He was educated in the public schools in Lehi. He worked several years on a livery stable operated by William Wing on State Street, then was employed by the Utah-Idaho Sugar plant being built in Lehi.

November 16, 1891, he married Edith L. Barnes, who was born September 27, 1881, at Lehi. She was a daughter of Joseph S. and Elizabeth Rhodes Barnes. Her mother died November 6, 1885 leaving five small children to grow up without a mother's loving care.

About 1911, he and his family were transferred to Idaho to assist in the erection of a sugar factory at Lincoln, the first one built in Idaho. He worked as foreman and assistant superintendent for twenty-seven years. They both helped in many church and civic activities to promote the growth and building a great commonwealth in that community.

To the couple were born eight children. Two died in infancy. Six sons are living: Robert and Alton, Lincoln, Idaho, still working for the same sugar company; Lewis, Blackfoot, Idaho; Donald, Seattle, Washington; Roland, Great Falls, Montana; Wilson, Provo, Utah; also twenty-two grandchildren.

Because of ill health, Robert Jr and wife moved back to Lehi in 1931. After a lingering illness, he died January 2, 1943 at the American Fork Hospital.